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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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 : Examiner: R.Gleitz
 Shibuya TAKASHI et al.)
 : Group Art Unit: 2852
 Application No.: 10/720,237)
 : Confirmation No.: 4343
 Filed: November 25, 2003)
 :
 For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) June 10, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

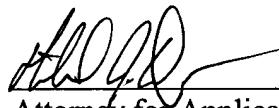
Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	30	MINUS	30	0	x \$25 \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	0	x\$100 \$200	0
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180/\$360						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$ 0

- °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- A check in the amount of \$____ is enclosed.
- Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the fee for a ____ month extension is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants request that the application
be amended as follows.